

## THEY GO ON TOURS

Distinguished Canines Who Are Well-Known Travelers.

### DOGS WHO ARE ITINERANTS

Prince Rikki in His Wicker Kennel—Bernhardt's Danish Mastiff Auckland—Rab of New York.

In the world of polite society there are assuredly "dog days." One might as well be out of the world as out of the fashion of owning a dog. Murray Hill has many childless homes, but few that are dogless.

With society's tendency to roam the world over the dog must naturally keep pace, and thereby has a difficulty. In democratic America "the people" are somewhat lacking in respect toward the canine aristocracy and "No dogs allowed" is a flat in most of the public conveyances. On the elevated roads and in the horse cars and stages the rules are absolute. That, however, is a matter of slight import. Dogs of high degree have always a carriage to command. It is a poor dog indeed that cannot hire a cab.

To take a dog to Europe is a serious affair. None of the Atlantic steamers will accept one as passenger under any consideration—the price of passage is twenty-five dollars. That is but a trifling item in the bill of expence. Passenger engaged, the dog with his paraphernalia is taken aboard ship and to the stateroom. A steward at once appears and the following conversation takes place:

"Madam, that dog cannot step in your cabin; it is against the rules."

"But, steward, he always remains with me. We cross frequently. Do you not remember him?"—this with a promising smile.

"He cannot hope ground on this ship, madam. Our rules are very strict. The chief steward would never allow him to step in the room."

"Please ask the chief steward to step here a moment."

"That august personage arrives."

"Ah, madam, about your dog. He must be taken forward. We never allow them in the cabin."

"Yes, steward, but do you always know where they are? How can you, if you do not see them?"

"The steward's vision is not affected. He sees a sovereign that is placed beside the dog."

"He is a nice little fellow. Well, madam, you might see the purser."

"The purser is an extremely suave, pleasant man. I am indeed sorry, madam, that I cannot allow you to keep your dog, but we are obliged to be very strict. The butcher always has charge of them. He is a very kind man."

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"Well, butcher, you may go now. We will leave his little kennel. See?"

"The butcher sees—a sovereign—and goes. So also does the dog—back to the cabin. The matter is settled. The butcher takes excellent care of the wicker kennel, which is proof positive to all inquiries that he has the dog."

Naturally all delicate little attentions of the cabin steward are suitably rewarded. The stewardess is also very kind to the pet and must be remembered. Upon landing in Liverpool the expense of the dog's passage has probably reached ten pounds.

The "people" in Europe are accustomed to "rank" and do not object if it pays. If the destination is London, at the railway station a ticket is purchased bearing the inscription:

London and Northwestern R. R.  
Liverpool to London.  
One Dog.

A picture of a fox terrier adorns the upper left corner. If it chance to be the hunting season dog coaches are attached to the trains, with kennels for the hounds and liveried grooms to care for them. The underground railway in London issues dog tickets. The hotels in England have dog rates. A very few, however, refuse to receive dog guests, but in none of them will a dog tip be declined.

In France a third class railway ticket must be purchased. Then the guard strenuously objects to a dog in a first class carriage—until he is convinced of the error of his ways. A franc is usually sufficient.

The dog ticket appears again on the German railways, but the German conductors have very rigid views concerning dog proprietors. The price of conveyance is the same as in France.

The regulations in Switzerland and Italy require dogs to be registered as baggage and placed in the baggage van. A life, however, possesses wonderful persuasive powers.

At any price only a born diplomat should attempt to travel with a dog. For any but a princely income it is financial ruin. For a nervous temperament it is madness.

In spite of all drawbacks there are hundreds of canine travelers. Every steamer that carries the smart set numbers a half dozen dog passengers, each trip during the season. Many make a tour of the world.

Among the most distinguished canine globe trotters is Prince Rikki, the royal pet of Mme. Patti. When goes the queen of song, there goes the prince of dogs. M. Merini, Mme. Patti's secretary, says of him: "Prince Rikki is a pure specimen of the Chihuahua species, better known as a Mexican hairless dog. He was presented to Madame by the wife of the wealthiest of Mexico. He is two and a-half years old, of light cast and color, and is most intelligent. Mme. Patti, the confidential companion of Madame, is intrusted with the care and education of his highness, and it is needless to say that every attention due to a dog of his race and rank is bestowed upon him. His wardrobe is quite complete, and comprises twelve robes of different colors, on which are wrought his catchwords and



AUCKLAND, MME. BERNHARDT'S MASTIFF.

initial, with collars and ribbons to match. For his toilet a tooth brush, nail brush, hair brush and rice powder are supplied. His food, which consists principally of calves' liver mixed with bread dipped in water, is given to him with great regularity, so that he is always in perfect health and is as fresh and sweet as a rose. His wicker kennel, in which he sleeps, is lined throughout with soft quilted silk and is provided with a fine blanket, which he arranges to suit himself when he "takes his downy couch." He always travels in this basket house. Altogether his lot is a happy one, and he is the adored of Madame and her sister. As Mme. Patti always travels in regal state, the companionship of Prince Rikki does not entail either trouble or expence.

Auckland, the canine friend and constant companion of Mme. Bernhardt, is another famous traveler. He was presented to Madame on the occasion of her first appearance in Australia, since which time they have never parted company. He always accompanies Madame to the theater and personally awaits in the wings her exit from the scene. His greeting is as dear to her as the plaudits of the audience. She pronounces his rather harsh name with a charming accent, but "Auckland" never fails to obey her commands, be they given in broken English or incomprehensible French. He is a Danish mastiff of magnificent proportions and purest breed, and he fully exemplifies the characteristics of his race in his devoted attachment to his gifted mistress.

Rab, of New York, is a small dog who has crossed the Atlantic a dozen times. His most memorable passage was in the City of Paris in March, 1890, when she lay for days the toy of the winds and waves. Rab was arrayed in his duster ready to take to the boats in case of an emergency. Happily for him, relief came from another quarter. It is barely possible that his fellow passengers of the steerage might have been fatally indifferent to his rights and privileges had they encountered him in an open

boat. His master says: "Every hair that grows on Rab has cost me ten dollars," from which it may be inferred that he is a member of the canine four hundred. He has a famous pedigree and is a dog of fine education and rare accomplishments. His frequent sojourns abroad have developed a wonderful aptitude for the languages. He can "roll over" in German, "speak" in French and "warble" in Italian—in fact, he "makes Rome howl." In Spain he learned to execute a bolero with charming grace and dexterity. He had a beautiful Spanish costume, with mantilla, made expressly for him, and when arrayed in it he immediately assumes the attitude and no canine Carmenita can compete with him in poetry of motion. His repertoire of songs is quite extensive, but his favorite morceaux are "The Sweet By and By" and "Two Lovely Black Eyes." He is a very willing performer, and whenever he hears the prelude to these songs played upon the piano he instantly jumps upon the bench beside the accompanist, seats himself on his haunches, and sings with much feeling and delivery of expression.

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